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TV Transmitter at Hamirpur of Uttar Pradesh

6755. SHRI V.N.SHARMA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up a T.V. transmitter in the Hamirpur District of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) No. Sir. There is no such proposal under consideration of Government at present.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) It is the constant endeavour of the Government to extend TV service to the uncovered parts of the country, as expeditiously as possible. This can, however, be undertaken only in a phased manner depending upon the availability of adequate financial resources for the purpose.

Issue of Letters of Intent in Lalitpur District, U.P.

6756. SHRI V.N. SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Letters of intent for the year 1987 and 1988 have been issued for setting up of industries in Lalitpur district of Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) and (b). During the years 1987 and 1988, two letters of intent were issued for setting up of industrial units in Lalitpur Distt. of Uttar Pradesh. The details such as name & address of the Undertaking, location, item(s) of manufacture, capacity and number & date of issue of all industrial licences issued are published regularly by the Indian Investment Centre in their 'Monthly Newsletters'. Copies of this publication are being sent to the Parliament Library regularly.

Manufacture of Motor-Cycle

6757.SHRI V.N. SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the manufacturers of Motorcycles in the country have been allowed huge foreign exchange for foreign collaboration during 1989-90 and 1990-91;

(b) if so, how much foreign exchange was earned by them during the last three years, year-wise; and

(c) the reasons why huge amount of foreign exchange for foreign collaboration has been allowed in view of the acute foreign exchange shortage in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) No, Sir. No foreign collaboration in respect of motorcycles has been approved in 1989-90 and 1990-91.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Revamping of Public Sector

6758. DR. G.L. KANAUJIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to State:

(a) whether the Government have drawn any special scheme to revamp the Public Sector particularly in the light of the New

Industrial Policy and draw up proposal for modernisation of new Industrial relation law in the changed circumstances; if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government also propose to reconstitute the Board of Industrial Finance and Reconstruction with a view to examine the case of sick units; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) to (c). Public enterprises which are chronically sick and which are unlikely to turn around are proposed to be referred to the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) or other similar high level institutions created for the purpose for formulation of revival/rehabilitation schemes. A social security mechanism is proposed to be created to protect the interest of workers likely to be affected by such rehabilitation package.

[*Translation*]

Vocational Courses for Women

6759. DR. G.L. KANAUJIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme is being formulated by Khadi and Village Industry Commission for the women who have qualified in vocational courses; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Financial assistance for Revival of Sick Units in U.P.

6760. DR. G.L. KANAUJIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of financial assistance provided by the Union Government to revive sick small scale industries in Uttar Pradesh during 1990—91 and the number of such sick units helped by the end of March 1991; and

(b) the target for the year 1991—92 to revive such industries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) As per data compiled by the Reserve Bank of India, the number of potentially viable sick small scale units in U.P. was 418 with an outstanding bank credit of Rs. 30.98 crores and the number of sick SSI units put under nursing programme was 171 with an outstanding bank credit of Rs. 23.09 crores at the end of December, 1988, the latest period for which data are available.

The total amount sanctioned to U.P. by the Union Govt. under the Margin Money Scheme for Revival of Sick small scale industries amounted to Rs. 60 lakhs at the end of March 1991.

During 1990—91, the Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) sanctioned term loan refinance assistance of Rs. 20.8 lakhs in respect of 4 units in U.P. under its Refinance Scheme for Rehabilitation of Sick SSI units.

(b) There is no system of fixing annual target for revival of sick SSI units. However RBI has issued guidelines to all scheduled commercial banks vide their circular dated 8.1.1991 that ordinarily it should be possible for banks to take decision on the viability or otherwise of a unit identified as sick within